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For: OPERATING DEVICE COMPRISING A
LOCALIZED ZONE FOR THE CAPTURE OF
A DROP OF A LIQUID OF INTEREST

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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